

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (as the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §112 and alleges that "means" as used in "by means of this eccentric movement" renders claim 1 indefinite.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to delete the phrase "means of" in line 19. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

II. Double Patenting Rejection

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3 under the doctrine of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 2 and 5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,883,488 to Viitamaki in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,005,951 to Swinkels.

Filed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer to render this rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

III. Allowable Claims

Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Terminal Disclaimer

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